

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification and claim 9, 20, 41, 52, 61 have been amended. No new matter is added. Claims 15-17, 25, 48, and 57 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 9, 10, 12-14, 16-24, 26-28, 41, 42, 45-47, 49-53, 56 and 58-61 are pending and under consideration.

Independent claims 9, 20, 41, 52, and 61 are amended herewith to enhance the form and thereby overcome the assertion that the feature added to the claims on January 11, 2007, is a "product by process" limitation. The claim amendment is fully supported by the originally filed specification, for example, FIGS. 2, 3, and their corresponding descriptions.

CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP UNDER 35 U.S.C. 116 (implemented by 37 C.F.R. 1.48)

In view of cancelling the claims 15-17, 25, 48, and 57, the inventorship of this non-provisional application has been changed by the deletion of Mr. Toshiki Toda and Mr. Akira Nagano, thereby leaving Mr. Susumu Takahashi as sole inventor. A Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b) and the fee according to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) is submitted herewith.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 9-10, 12-28, 41-42, 45-53, and 56-61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over USPN 6,118,586 to Tanabe et al. (hereinafter "Tanabe"), in view of Japanese Utility Model No. 258847 to LGZ Landis ("Landis") and U.S. Patent No. 6,088,076 to Ogawa ("Ogawa"), and further in view of JP 2001/116908 by Takahashi.

Reference JP 2001/116908 by Takahashi is not a prior art reference because its date is less than 1 year prior to filing the current application and the reference has the same author as to the inventor of this application.

Therefore, as submitted on page 6 of the Office Action, independent claims 9, 20, 41, 52 and 61, patentably distinguish over Tanabe, Landis and Ogawa which fail to teach or suggest, for example as recited in claim 9, "a light reflecting optical film which is arranged on a rear surface of the liquid crystal display layer, on substantially identical curved lines having a sector of a circle shape, the curved lines being separated at regular intervals, each interval having a horizontal component and a vertical component."

Dependent claims 10, 12-14, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, 26-28, 42, 45-47, 49-51, 53, 56, and 58-60 are also patentable at least by inheriting patentable features from the independent claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Rule 116 response and request for reconsideration because at least certain of the rejected claims have been canceled, the amendments of claims 9, 20, 41, 52 and 61 should not entail any further search by the Examiner since no new features are being added or no new issues are being raised, and it is believed that the claim amendments put this application into condition for allowance.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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